(6) THE MADRAS CITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL NO. 23 OF 1947).

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I move—

' *that the Madras City Improvement Trust (Amendment) Bill* [a], 1947 (*L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1947*), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

" The Statement of Objects and Reasons explains the purpose of this amending Bill. The Madras City Improvement Trust Act, 1945, was brought into force on the 1st March 1946, but the Chairman of the Board of Trustees constituted under the Act actually assumed office only on the 25th October 1946; and until he did so, no expenses were incurred in connexion with the enforcement of the Act. So the contribution to be paid by the Government and by the Corporation of Madras should only be for the period from the 25th October 1946 to the end of the financial year. The amendment seeks to make this intention clear."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I move—

' *that the Bill be passed into law.*' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

VI.—GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION *RE* FORMATION OF LINGUISTIC PROVINCES.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I beg to move the resolution which stands in my name . . ."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" On a point of order, Mr. President, I beg to submit that this Council is not competent to discuss a resolution of this nature. Rule 115 of the Madras Council Rules reads: ' Subject to the restrictions contained in the Act and the rules, any member may move a resolution relating to a matter of general public interest within the cognizance of the Provincial Government.' Splitting up of a Province into various provinces is not a matter within the cognizance of the Provincial Government. Section 49 (2) of the Government of India Act says that, ' the executive authority of each Province extends to the matters with respect to which the Legislature of the Province has power to make laws.' . . ."

(There was a pause.)

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Let the Hon. Minister move the resolution. The hon. Member can raise his point of order later on, as he does not explain now."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" We shall continue after lunch, as it is now already 1 o'clock."

The House then adjourned for lunch.

[a] Printed as Appendix IX on page 488 infra.